

Dear Parents/Guardians



## 1. Academics

Term 2 of the 2018 academic year is upon us. This is a very challenging term because of the formal exam the high school will be writing in the beginning of June, just before the school holidays. The Department of Education did not make the exam timetable available yet. As soon as the school receives the exam information, we will inform the learners. In the meantime the high school will write their normal cycle tests every day 4 as indicated on the timetable. The normal intervention classes for the FET Phase will also go on and some learners in this phase will be added to the list of learners already attending the extra classes in the afternoons. The Senior Phase intervention programme will start this term and the nominated learners will receive a letter of which intervention classes to attend. I can't emphasise enough the importance of this intervention classes. Nominated learners must attend in order for them to pass the subjects they failed during the first term. The school's English Department also organised extra classes for Hamlet on the following dates: 15 April, 22 April and on 29 April where the focus will be on Act 4 and 5 and general exam tips on Hamlet will be discuss by an expert of Shakespeare's work.

The winter school for the Matric learners will be from 2 July to 13July.

### 1.1 IEB (Independent Examination Board)

The school also had a visit from the IEB officials during term 1. The purpose of this initial visit was for control checks of the school's infrastructure, administrative functions and the school's academic programme. I am proud to say that we passed this first hurdle to convert to the IEB. The school will now pay the registration fees of the IEB and then the process will start with the training of our educators in the teaching methodologies of this new system. On the initial feedback we were informed that our first matric group that will write the IEB exams will only be in 2020. This is a long term process and will be systematically phased in with the grades under the guidance of the IEB.



## 1.2 Consultation dates

- Sunday, 15 April 2018 (Parents meeting – Discussions regarding learners' academic performance) (Grade 8 – 12) (11:00 – 15:00)
- Sunday, 6 May 2018 - Boarders Consultation (Grade 8- 11) (11:00 – 15:00)
- Tuesday, 8 May 2018 – Consultation (Grade 8 – 9) (14:00 – 16:00)
- Sunday, 20 May 2018 – Consultation (Grade 12) (11:00 – 14:00)

## 2. Midterm break

Term 2 also includes a midterm break from the 27 April to 6 May. We urge learners to use this time wisely in order to prepare for the June exams.

## 3. Europe trip

The school also prays for God's hand of protection over the learners and the educators that will accompany them on the Europe trip. We can't wait for your feedback.

## 4. Sport

The main focus during term 2 will be on the winter sport. The school urges all learners to participate in the sports programme of the school. Remember *"a healthy body leads to a healthy mind"*.

### 4.1 Rugby

Blue Hills College registered an u/15 and u/19 team into Pool C of the Lions Rugby Union league structures. The school received the following dates from the Lions Rugby Union regarding the league games. There are two more dates for league matches that is still to be confirmed.

- Thursday, 12 April 2018 (Blue Hills College v Highlands North Boys) (Home)
- Thursday, 19 April 2018 (Blue Hills College v Westonaria High) (Home)
- Wednesday, 25 April 2018 (Germiston High v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Thursday, 10 May 2018 (Blue Hills College v Hoërskool Die Burger) (Home)
- Tuesday, 15 May 2018 (Midrand High v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Wednesday, 23 May 2018 (Florida Park High School v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Thursday, 31 May 2018 (Blue Hills College v Carleton Jones High) (Home)



## 4.2 Netball

Our netball girls will also compete in a competitive league during term 2. The school received the following netball dates from the league organisers.

- Tuesday, 17 April 2018 (Sandown High School v Blue Hills college) (Away)
- Thursday, 19 April 2018 (Glen Austin v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Tuesday, 24 April 2018 (Blue Hills College v Noordwyk Secondary) (Home)
- Thursday, 3 May 2018 (Bellevue v Blue Hills College) (Away) \* this date will be rescheduled due to the midterm break.
- Tuesday, 8 May 2018 (Alex High v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Tuesday, 15 May 2018 Pool play offs

## 4.3 Soccer

Soccer is one of the sporting codes at Blue Hills College that we are very proud of. We can proudly say that we boast some of the stronger sides in the soccer league.

The school received the following league dates.

- Thursday, 19 April 2018 (Blue Hills College v Kings School Linbro Park) (Home)
- Wednesday, 25 April 2018 (Founders Hills College v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Thursday, 3 May 2018 (Bishop Bavin v Blue Hills College) (Away) \*this date will be rescheduled due to the midterm break.
- Friday, 11 May 2018 (Blue Hills College v Founders Hills College) (Home)
- Tuesday, 15 May 2018 (School of Merit v Blue Hills College) (Home)
- Monday, 21 May 2018 (Charter College v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Tuesday, 29 May 2018 (Newton House v Blue Hills College) (Away)
- Thursday, 31 May 2018 (Blue Hills College v Bishop Bavin) (Home)

## 5. Final word

Finally, I know that through God's strength the students of Blue Hills College and Preparatory School will have the necessary perseverance to take on the challenges of term 2, with the support of their educators to make every aspect of this term a success.